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DR. MILO LEAVITT

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SUBJECT: NEW DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF BUREAU OF SCIENCE AND
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

1. AFTER SERVING FOR ONLY ONE YEAR AS DIRECTOR-GENERAL
OF BUREAU OF SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY
OF EDUCATION (MOE), TAKETOSHI IMAMURA WAS REPLACED JUNE
13 BY KEIJIRO INAI, WHO HAD BEEN DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF
THE MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT SINCE NOVEMBER 1975. ACCORDING
TO A RELIABLE SOURCE, INAI IS STRONGEST AND AS YET
UNCHALLENGED CANDIDATE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE VICE-MINISTER
OF MOE. THE SOURCE SAID INAI WOULD PROBABLY MOVE ON TO
LATTER POST THIS FALL. WHAT IMPACT THE CHANGE WILL
EXERT ON OUR CONTINUING ATTEMPT TO HAVE GOJ ACCEPT NIH
RESEARCH GRANT FOR DR. KOBATA REMAINS TO BE SEEN, BUT
IT CERTAINLY IS A NEW FACTOR INFLUENCING THE COURSE OF EVENTS.

2. IMAMURA, IT WILL BE RECALLED, BREATHED SOME NEW
LIFE INTO THE LONG-STANDING KOBATA CONTRACT ISSUE BY
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EXPRESSING WILLINGNESS TO STUDY MATTER IN A CONSTRUCTIVE
WAY. MOE BUREAUCRACY WAS TAKEN ABACK BY HIS POSITION
AND HAS INSURED THAT RAPID PROGRESS HAS NOT TAKEN PLACE.
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IMAMURA WAS CONSIDERED TOO LIBERAL
BECAUSE OF THIS AND OTHER ACTIONS IN A MINISTRY THAT IS
NOT KNOWN FOR ITS RAPID ADJUSTMENT TO CHANGING CONDITIONS.

3. FOLLOWING IS BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL INFO ON HEIJIRO INAI:
BORN IN HIROSHIMA IN 1924; UPON GRADUATION FROM UNIVERSITY
OF TOKYO'S DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE IN 1947, HE BEGAN
30 YEARS OF UNINTERRUPTED SERVICE WITH MOE. INAI HAS HELD
SUCH IMPORTANT POSTS AS DIRECTOR OF AUDIO-VISUAL EDUCATION
DIVISION (1958-60), DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY DIVISION (1963-65),
COUNCILLOR IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION BUREAU,
(1968-71), AND DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF UNIVERSITY BUREAU
(1974-1975).
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